

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Bureau of Health Services Financing and  
Office of Behavioral Health**

**Behavioral Health Services  
Statewide Management Organization  
LaCHIP Affordable Plan Benefits Administration  
(LAC 50:XXXIII.103)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health amend LAC 50:XXXIII.103 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) (1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted provisions to implement a coordinated behavioral health services system under the Louisiana Medicaid Program to provide services through the utilization of a Statewide Management Organization that is responsible for the necessary administrative and operational functions to ensure adequate coordination and delivery of behavioral health services (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 38, Number 2).

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health now propose

to amend the February 2012 Rule in order to include the administration of behavioral health services covered under the LaCHIP Affordable Plan (Phase 5). LaCHIP Affordable Plan benefits, including behavioral health services, are currently administered by the Office of Group Benefits. The administration of these services will now be transferred to the Statewide Management Organization under the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership.

This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the medical assistance programs, and to promote the health and welfare of LaCHIP Affordable Plan recipients. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will reduce expenditures in the Medicaid Program by approximately \$126,047 for state fiscal year 2012-2013.

Effective January 1, 2013, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing behavioral health services coordinated by the Statewide Management Organization to include recipients covered under the LaCHIP Affordable Plan.

## **Title 50**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Part XXXIII. Behavioral Health Services**

##### **Subpart 1. Statewide Management Organization**

#### **Chapter 1. General Provisions**

##### **§103. Recipient Participation**

A. The following Medicaid recipients shall be mandatory participants in the coordinated behavioral health system of care:

1. - 6. ...

7. Title XXI SCHIP populations, including:

a. LaCHIP Phases 1 - 3; and

b. LaCHIP Affordable Plan (Phase 5).

B. ...

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of §103.A above, the following Medicaid recipients are excluded from enrollment in the PIHP/SMO:

1. - 7. ...

8. repealed

8. recipients who receive services through the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE);

9. recipients enrolled in the Low Income Subsidy Program;

10. participants in the TAKE CHARGE Family Planning Waiver; and

11. recipients enrolled in the LaMOMS Program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 38:361 (February 2012), amended by the Department of Health and

Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 38:

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments to J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. She is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

Bruce D. Greenstein

Secretary